

MR. MONHOLLAND: Hello. My name is Landon Monholland. I run Over the Edge Sports, which is a bike shop here in Grand Valley and Fruita. The history of our business has kind of been - we went from a bankrupt town to kind of a worldwide destination for mountain biking. So, we've definitely taken advantage of a economy based on outdoor recreation. Recreation is the key economic driver in Southwest Colorado and beyond. Without our area's recreation assets, my business would not be as successful as it is today. The Town of Fruita has exploded since significant recreation assets have been added to the area. Something as simple as 300 miles of single track have transformed our area into a vibrant destination community. Something it never would have been 10 years ago. This goes beyond traditional outdoor shops and outfitters. It affects us all. Recreation as an economic driver is only growing and can offer communities a solid structure around which to grow. The coal PEIS study, as announced by Secretary Jewell, will give communities a chance to look towards other economic drivers for their areas, while also addressing issues with the current leasing system. Recreation is the sustainable and obtainable option for communities in Southwest Colorado. And I urge our region to consider alternatives to resource-extraction-based economies. Thank you.